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Subject: Intercounty Connector (ICC) - Analysis of Hypothetical Toll Rate Changes

Dear Mr. Simpson:

We are pleased to submit our summary findings for analysis of hypothetical toll rate change scenarios for the Intercounty Connector (ICC). These scenarios included the following:

- § Reducing toll rates by 25%, 33%, and 50% for the entire day; and
- § Reducing toll rates by 50% for off-peak hours only

## **Estimated Transaction and Toll Revenue Impacts**

Exhibit A shows a summary of the estimated annual transactions and toll revenue for the Base Case forecast prepared in 2011 and for each of the hypothetical rate reduction scenarios covering a period of 2013 through 2020. Each hypothetical scenario is compared against the Base Case forecast. As shown, reducing toll rates by 25 percent is estimated to result in 10 to 12 percent more transactions per year, and between 14 and 16 percent less revenue when compared against the Base Case. Reducing toll rates by 50 percent is estimated to result in 20 to 24 percent more transactions per year, and between 31 and 35 percent less revenue. Reducing off-peak toll rates only by 50 percent is estimated to result in 12 to 13 percent more transactions and 13 to 18 percent less revenue when compared to the Base Case.



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Exhibit A						
<b>Estimated Annual Transactions and Toll Revenue</b>						
Hypothetical Toll Rate Scenarios						

Tota	I Transac	tions (t	housand	ls) w/	Ramp	Up

Fiscal	Base Case	Reduce Toll	Percent	Reduce Toll	Percent	Reduce Toll	Percent	Reduce Off-peak	Percent
Year	Forecast	Rates by 25%	Impact	Rates by 33%	Impact	Rates by 50%	Impact	Toll Rates by 50%	Impact
2013	22,826	25,383	11.2%	26,265	15.1%	27,841	22.0%	25,796	13.0%
2014	27,635	30,865	11.7%	32,027	15.9%	34,157	23.6%	31,344	13.4%
2015	37,216	41,040	10.3%	42,436	14.0%	45,082	21.1%	42,186	13.4%
2016	38,293	42,138	10.0%	43,455	13.5%	46,310	20.9%	43,188	12.8%
2017	39,836	44,052	10.6%	45,538	14.3%	48,759	22.4%	45,264	13.6%
2018	40,798	45,148	10.7%	46,533	14.1%	49,666	21.7%	46,045	12.9%
2019	42,742	46,939	9.8%	48,327	13.1%	51,451	20.4%	47,728	11.7%
2020	43,512	47,906	10.1%	49,878	14.6%	53,309	22.5%	49,144	12.9%

## Total Revenue (thousands) w/ Ramp Up & Leakage

Fiscal	Base Case	Reduce Toll	Percent	Reduce Toll	Percent	Reduce Toll	Percent	Reduce Off-peak	Percent
Year	Forecast	Rates by 25%	Impact	Rates by 33%	Impact	Rates by 50%	Impact	Toll Rates by 50%	Impact
2013	\$39,557	33,482	-15.4%	\$31,353	-20.7%	\$27,013	-31.7%	\$32,451	-18.0%
2014	\$49,764	42,266	-15.1%	\$39,561	-20.5%	\$34,217	-31.2%	\$40,567	-18.5%
2015	\$65,148	54,676	-16.1%	\$50,973	-21.8%	\$43,664	-33.0%	\$54,171	-16.8%
2016	\$70,233	59,311	-15.6%	\$55,337	-21.2%	\$46,489	-33.8%	\$59,098	-15.9%
2017	\$73,028	61,816	-15.4%	\$57,820	-20.8%	\$48,923	-33.0%	\$61,592	-15.7%
2018	\$78,411	66,100	-15.7%	\$61,522	-21.5%	\$51,676	-34.1%	\$66,931	-14.6%
2019	\$82,095	68,761	-16.2%	\$63,937	-22.1%	\$53,526	-34.8%	\$69,363	-15.5%
2020	\$87,640	75,164	-14.2%	\$68,850	-21.4%	\$57,518	-34.4%	\$75,959	-13.3%

Note: Percent Impact is compared to Base Case forecast.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to continue to provide assistance to MdTA. We trust this analysis meets your needs.

Sincerely,

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